

I am writing today to oppose Postmaster DeJoy's 10 year plan to close post offices, shorten hours and increase delivery times for the mail. I do agree with the proposal to end the requirement to fund health care costs for future retirees. If the Covid-19 pandemic has taught us anything, it is the importance of the Postal Service. Many Senior Citizens's like myself relied on the Postal Service to deliver our good and medicines during the pandemic. We were able to stay safe and stay home because of the Postal Service. I am also a retired small business owner. I relied on the Post Office to keep my business running. The cost of using the Post Office's Priority Mail Service was significantly less than private carriers. Please prevent these destructive changes to the Post Office. They are a thinly veiled attempt at privatization.

The U.S. Postal service is a critical part of the government. It has a long history in our country. It was established by the Second Continental Congress in 1775 and anything that threatens it must be stopped.

Thank You,

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